



# MyHeritage Library Edition



**Description:** MyHeritage Library Edition contains genealogy resources with more than five billion historical records from 48 countries including census and other government records, historical records, and photographs. The search interface is available in 40 languages. New collections are added monthly. The database includes:

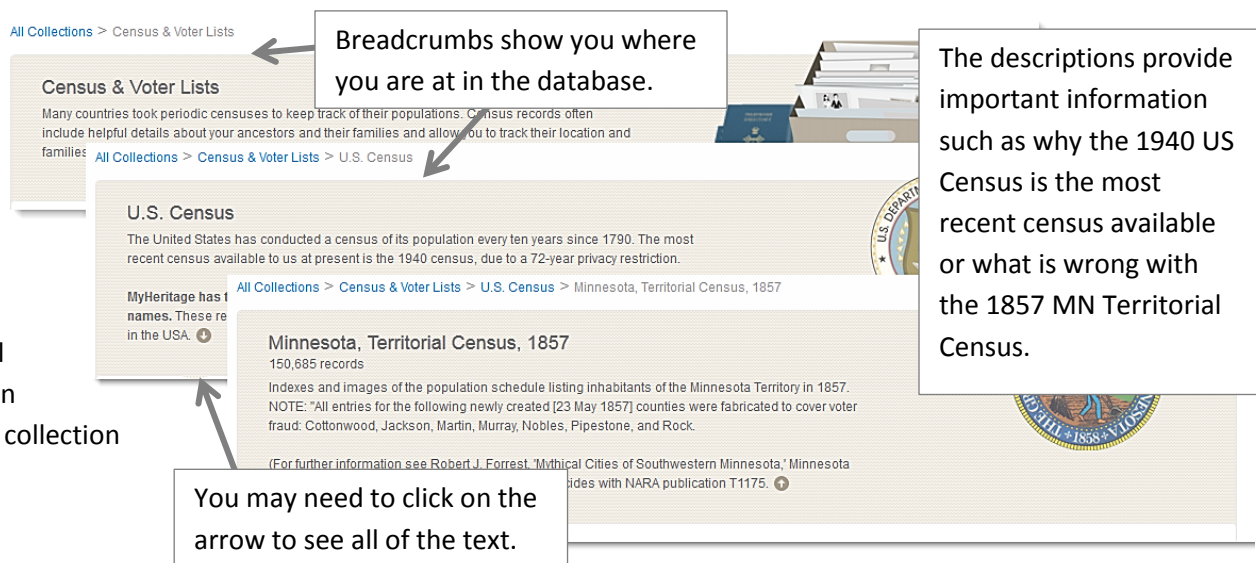
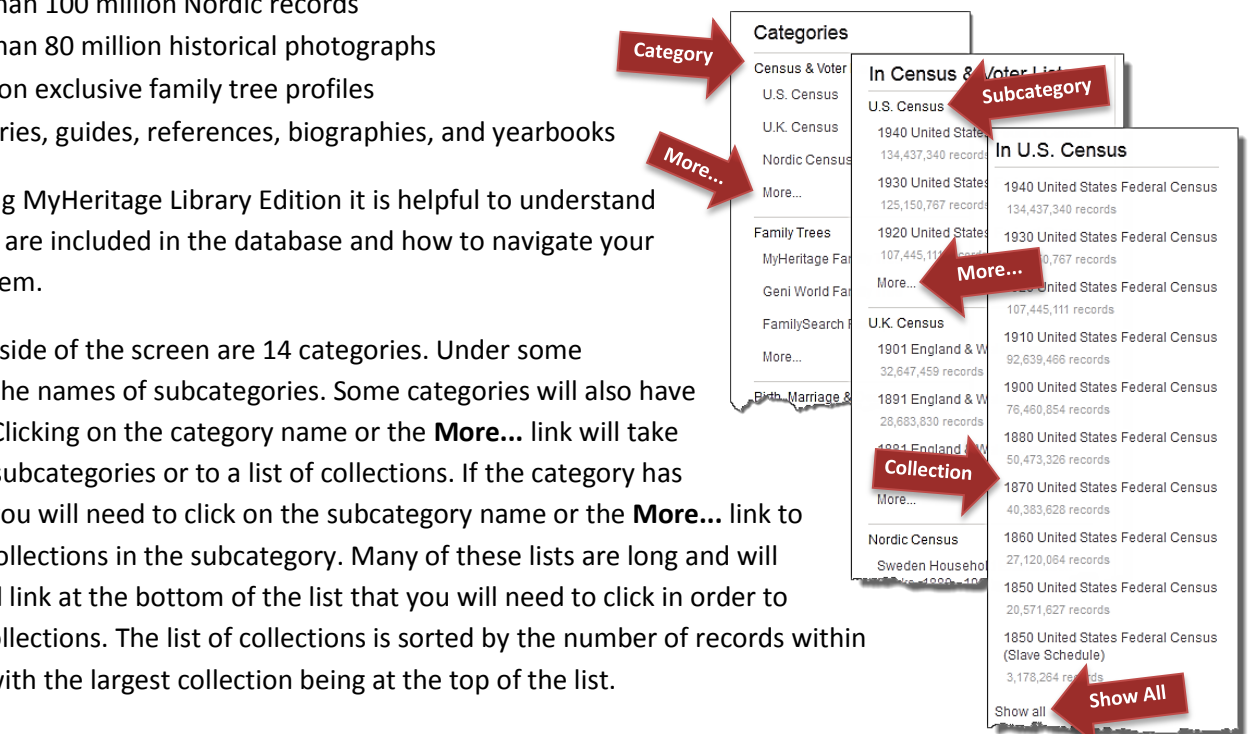
- United States Federal Census - 1790-1940 (also includes 1850 Mortality Schedule and Slave Schedule)
- 816 million US public records including citizenship, naturalization, immigration, land, military, court, and will and probate records
- Passenger lists
- Census of England and Wales - 1841-1901 (In England, censuses were conducted every ten years)
- More than 100 million Nordic records
- More than 80 million historical photographs
- 1.5 billion exclusive family tree profiles
- Directories, guides, references, biographies, and yearbooks

Before searching MyHeritage Library Edition it is helpful to understand what resources are included in the database and how to navigate your way through them.

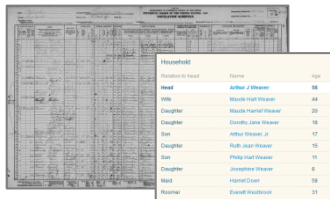
Along the right side of the screen are 14 categories. Under some categories are the names of subcategories. Some categories will also have a **More...** link. Clicking on the category name or the **More...** link will take you to a list of subcategories or to a list of collections. If the category has subcategories you will need to click on the subcategory name or the **More...** link to see the list of collections in the subcategory. Many of these lists are long and will have a **Show all** link at the bottom of the list that you will need to click in order to see all of the collections. The list of collections is sorted by the number of records within the collection with the largest collection being at the top of the list.

I find it useful to read the descriptions of the categories, subcategories and the collections. This

information is displayed towards the top of the screen. As you move through the database this information will change based on the category or collection you are in.



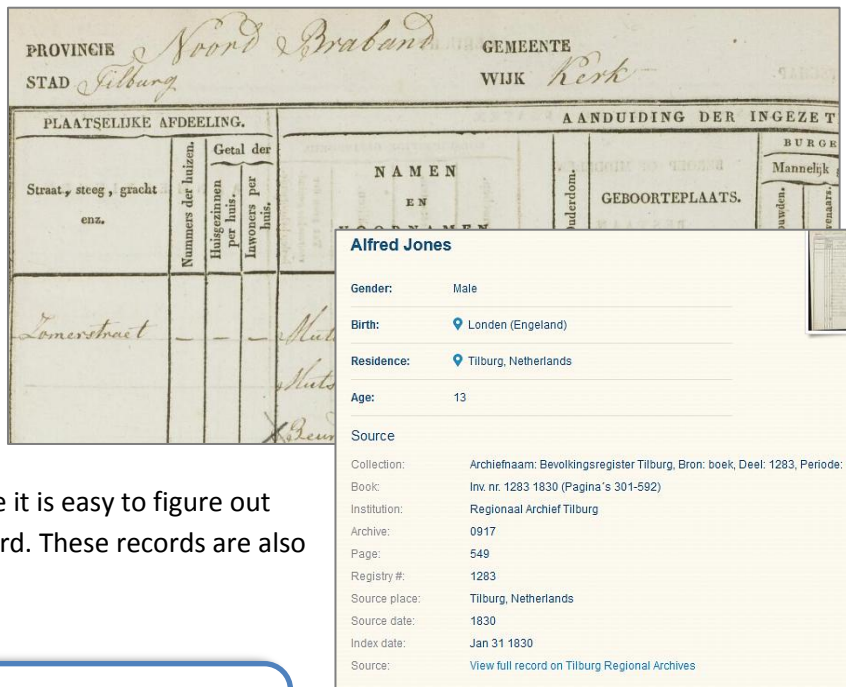
The amount and format of the information that is available in each collection is going to vary. Copies of the original source documents are not available for all collections. For some collections access to the original document are available on other website. Here are just a few examples of the types of information available.



| Household | Name                | Age |
|-----------|---------------------|-----|
| Head      | Arthur J. Weaver    | 38  |
| Wife      | Martha Mabel Weaver | 44  |
| Daughter  | Martha Mabel Weaver | 20  |
| Daughter  | Charles John Weaver | 18  |
| Son       | Arthur Weaver Jr.   | 17  |
| Daughter  | Edith Jean Weaver   | 15  |
| Son       | Philip Earl Weaver  | 11  |
| Daughter  | Josephine Weaver    | 8   |
| Maid      | Michaela Cogan      | 18  |
| Roomer    | Edward Woodworth    | 21  |

**US Federal Census:** The original census images are available within the MyHeritage Library Edition interface. Some of the information has been transcribed. The transcribed information will vary depending on the census year.

**Netherlands, Tilburg Population Registers, 1800-1923:** This collection is an index of population registers for Tilburg which is a city in the Netherlands. The information in these records includes names, residences, birthdates, birthplaces, and occupation. The records in MyHeritage contain transcribed information. To access the original record however you will need to go to the Tilburg Regional Archives' website. There is a link at the bottom of the record in the database that says: "Source: View full record on Tilburg Regional Archives." Following this link will take you to the website. The archives is located in Tilburg Netherlands. The text of the website is written in Dutch. For this particular site it is easy to figure out what you need to click on to see the original record. These records are also in Dutch.



| PROVINCIE Noord Brabant    |   | GEMEENTE               |                |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------|----------------|
| STAD Tilburg               |   | WIJK Kerk              |                |
| PLAATSELIJKE AFDEELING.    |   | AANDUIDING DER INGEZET |                |
| Straat, steeg, gracht enz. | Nummers der huizen. Huizennummers per huis. Lijwoning per huis. | NAMEN                  | BURGER         |
|                            |   | EN                     | GEBORTEPLAATS. |
| Lomestruet                 | -   | Alfred Jones           | Mannelijk      |

**Alfred Jones**

Gender: Male

Birth: Londen (Engeland)

Residence: Tilburg, Netherlands

Age: 13

Source

Collection: Archiefnaam: Bevolkingsregister Tilburg, Bron: boek, Deel: 1283, Periode: 1

Book: Inv. nr. 1283 1830 (Pagina's 301-592)

Institution: Regionaal Archief Tilburg

Archive: 0917

Page: 549

Registry #: 1283

Source place: Tilburg, Netherlands

Source date: 1830

Index date: Jan 31 1830

Source: View full record on Tilburg Regional Archives

You may want to bookmark a site such as Google Translate that can be used to translate text from one language to another.  
<http://translate.google.com/>

| County:  | Edmunds      | Image: | 111     |
|----------|--------------|--------|---------|
| State:   | South Dakota | Film:  | 2369971 |
| Country: | USA          | Sheet: | 399     |
| Date:    | 1935         |        |         |

[View full image](#)

Registration to familysearch.org may be required

**South Dakota, State Census, 1935:** This census is another example of a collection that provides a transcription of the basic information in MyHeritage however to view the original document you will need to go to another site. In this case the original document is on the familysearch.org website. In order to see the document you are required to create a free familsearch.org account. The link from the MyHeritage record clearly warns you that you may need to register on the familysearch.org site.

**Family Trees:** One of the categories is family trees. These family trees come from a wide variety of sites including: WikiTree, FamilySearch Family Tree, Geni World Family Tree and MyHeritage Family Trees. The majority of these family trees have been put together by people from around the world doing their own family research. They can be a great source of information however there are no guarantees that the information in the trees is 100% accurate.

## Searching

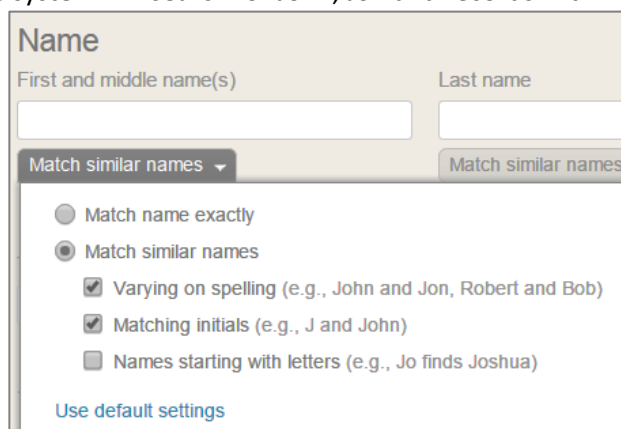
There are many different ways to approach searching MyHeritage Library Edition. What works best will depend on how you like to search, how much or little information you know about the person or family being researched and how much research has already been done. Here are a few different approaches to searching:

- Search everything at once. Use the basic or advanced search screen to search everything. For most people this type of search will return a lot of results.
- Search one category or one subcategory at a time. This is one way to focus your search.
- Search a single collection. This type of search may or may not return results. It will depend on how much information you already have and which collection you are searching.
- Search by location. This may be a good option when you are researching a person that you know lived in a specific location.

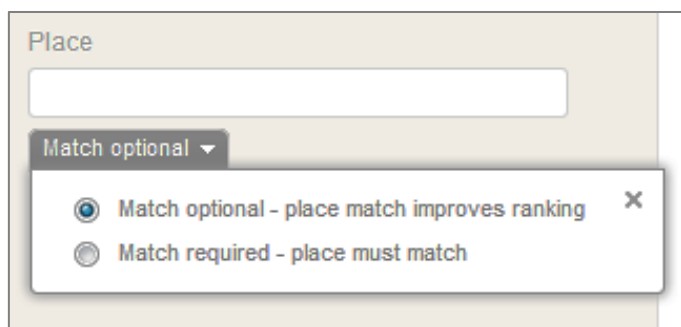
## Search Screen

No matter if you are searching everything or a single collection the default search screen is designed to do a broad search. For example when text is entered in the first name box the system will search for exactly what was entered. The system will also search for similar names that may be spelled differently and for records that just contain a matching initial. For example if the name John is entered in the search box the system will search for John, Jon and records with the first initial J. The same type of thing happens with the last name field however it uses one or more soundex. A soundex is an algorithm designed to match surnames on how they sound rather than how they are spelled.

These types of searching options can be both a huge help and a little annoying. When searching historical records that contain names that were handwritten and then transcribed by a human there is potential for error. Also the spelling of family names may have changed over time. These search options try to deal with all of these possible issues.



The screenshot shows the 'Name' search interface. It has two input fields: 'First and middle name(s)' and 'Last name'. Below these fields are two dropdown menus, both set to 'Match similar names'. The 'Match similar names' dropdown is expanded, showing three options: 'Match name exactly' (unselected), 'Match similar names' (selected), and 'Varying on spelling (e.g., John and Jon, Robert and Bob)' (checked). There are also checkboxes for 'Matching initials (e.g., J and John)' (checked) and 'Names starting with letters (e.g., Jo finds Joshua)' (unchecked). A link 'Use default settings' is at the bottom.



The screenshot shows the 'Place' search interface. It has one input field. Below it is a dropdown menu set to 'Match optional'. The dropdown is expanded, showing two options: 'Match optional - place match improves ranking' (selected) and 'Match required - place must match' (unselected). There is a close button 'X' in the top right corner of the dropdown.

If you would like to better control how the information you have entered is being search use the **Advanced Search** features. Click on the link at the top right corner of the search box. You will now see dropdown menus below most of the search fields. Use the options available in these dropdowns to control how a field is being searched. Be a bit careful however as you can make your search so exact that you may not get any results or accidentally eliminate a few good result.

## Search Results

The search results page offers a few options to help you narrow your search results. By default you will see a list of results down the middle of the screen. At the bottom of the page you can control how many results are displayed per page. The default is 20 but it can be increased up to 100.

Click the **Summary** tab to see the results grouped by category. Under each category will be a list of up to 10 collections. The collections are sorted by the number of results found in each collection. There may also be a link to see additional subcategories.

The screenshot shows the search results for 'david butler' on a genealogy website. The main results page shows 'All results for david butler' with 1 - 20 of 4,793,046 results. It features a 'Search for' sidebar on the left, a 'Narrow down by category' section, and a 'Summary' tab. A callout box explains that clicking the 'Summary' tab shows results grouped by category, with up to 10 collections per category, sorted by the number of results found. Another callout box points to the 'Narrow down by category' section, explaining that the number behind the categories indicates how many results were found. A third callout box points to the 'Summary for david butler in Immigration & Travel' section, showing a list of collections and their result counts.

**Search for**  
Name: david butler  
[Edit search](#)  
Or, start a new search

**Narrow down by category**

| All Collections         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Census & Voter Lists    | 10,000+ |
| Family Trees            | 10,000+ |
| Birth, Marriage & Death | 10,000+ |
| Photos                  | 10,000+ |
| Military                | 10,000+ |
| Immigration & Travel    | 10,000+ |
| Newspapers              | 433     |
| Books & Publications    | 457     |
| Public Records          | 10,000+ |
| Schools & Universities  | 2,462   |

**All results for david butler**  
1 - 20 of 4,793,046 results

**Summary for david butler**  
4,793,046 results in 3,642 collections

**Census & Voter Lists** 946,110 results in 87 collections

| Collection                        | Results         |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1940 United States Federal Census | 126,694 results |
| 1930 United States Federal Census | 126,683 results |
| 1920 United States Federal Census | 109,020 results |
| 1910 United States Federal Census | 97,350 results  |
| 1900 United States Federal Census | 85,362 results  |
| 1880 United States Federal Census | 62,739 results  |
| 1870 United States Federal Census | 47,148 results  |
| 1901 England & Wales Census       | 39,036 results  |
| 1891 England & Wales Census       | 34,008 results  |
| 1860 United States Federal Census | 33,559 results  |

Displaying top 10 collections. See all 87 collections

**Family Trees** 2,014,988 results in 35 collections

**MyHeritage Family Trees** 1,388,567 results

**Summary for david butler in Immigration & Travel**  
12,104 results in 20 collections

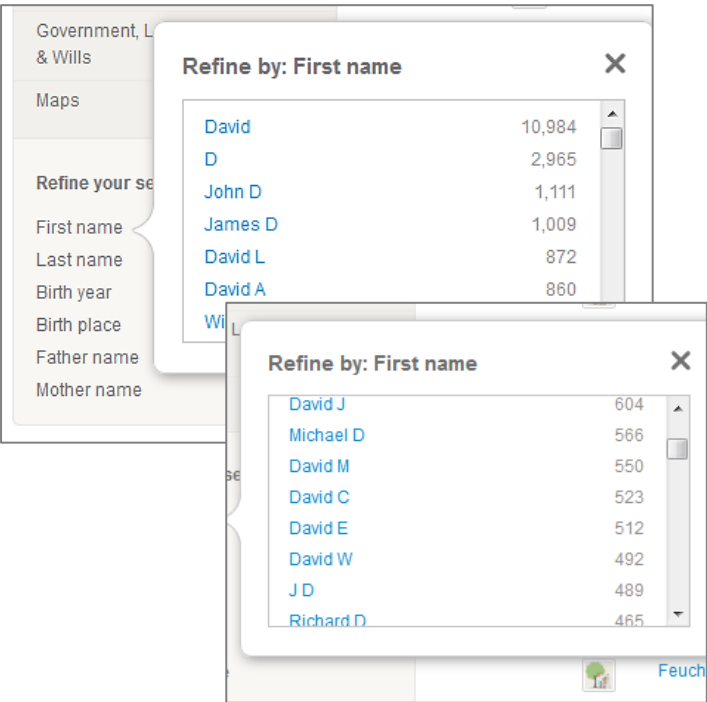
| Collection  | Results       |
|---|---------------|
| Passenger and Immigration Lists, 1500 - 1900                                    | 4,608 results |
| U.S. Naturalization Records   | 2,235 results |
| Germans Immigrating to the United States  | 2,102 results |
| Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, Immigration Cards, 1900-1965                            | 981 results   |
| Passengers arriving in New York from Ireland 1846 - 1851                        | 913 results   |
| British & Irish Passenger Lists 1890  | 231 results   |
| Illinois, Northern District (Eastern Division), Naturalization Index, 1926-1979 | 209 results   |
| Queenstand Early Pioneers Index, 1824 - 1859                                    | 163 results   |
| Russians Immigrating to the United States                                       | 155 results   |
| Ohio, County Naturalization Records, 1800-1977                                  | 155 results   |

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**Narrow down by category**

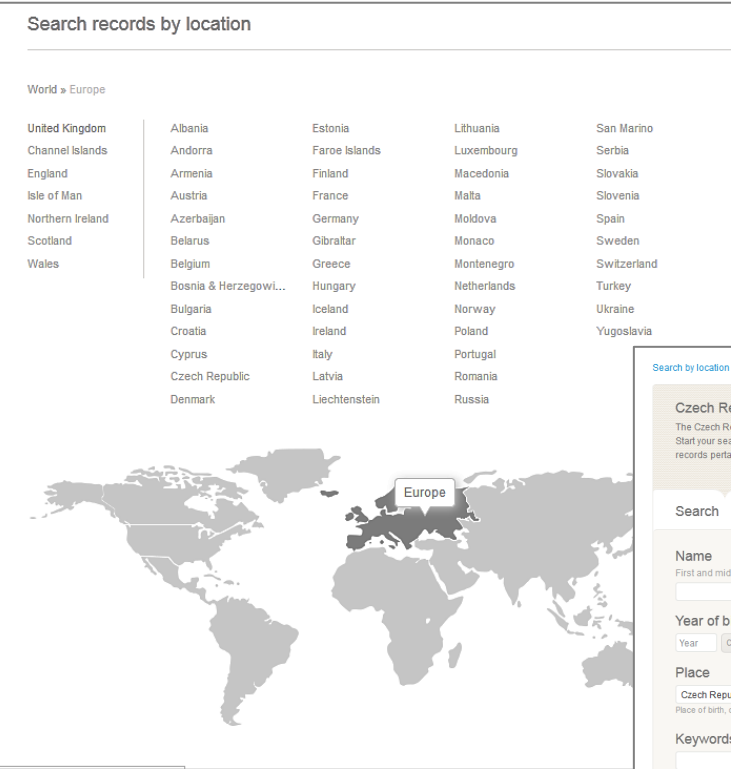
| All Collections                  |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Immigration & Travel             |       |
| Passenger Lists                  | 4,900 |
| Citizenship & Naturalization     | 2,631 |
| Immigration & Emigration Records | 4,572 |
| Immigration Documents            | 1     |

At the bottom of the left hand column will be a **Refine Your Search by** option. This option appears to find the most common elements in your search results and then provides you with the option to limit your results by one of those elements. As you can see in the screenshot the system found a variety of first names. Clicking on any one of them will limit your results. Again be careful when doing this. In this search example I was looking for David Christy Butler. At first glance selecting David looks like the best options however if you scroll down the list there is also a David C option. You may need to try both the David and the David C option.



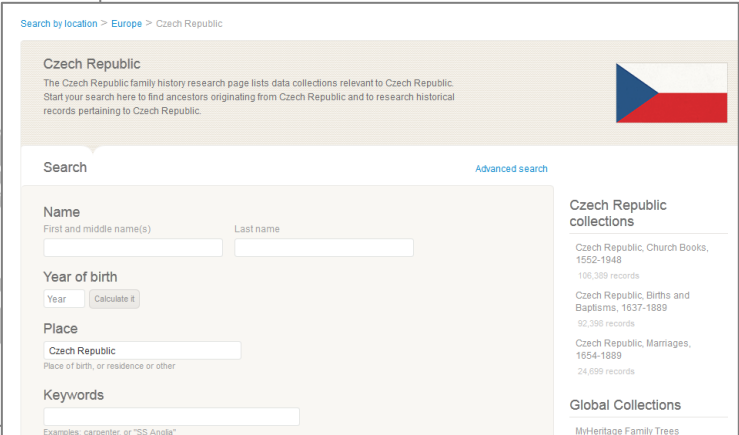
**Search Records by Location**

The Search Records by Location option is located below the search box on the homepage. As you place your mouse over the map different countries or regions will be highlighted. Click on an area to see a list of locations. Select a location to be taken to a search screen. Along the right side of the screen will be a list of collections that are being searched. Some locations may not have any collections that are specific to that location. In those cases you will only see the Global



Collection of MyHeritage Family Trees listed. It is also worth noting that when you select a specific US state to search that your search will not include the US Federal Census.

On the map, if you select the USA, there is an option to search **All USA**. That link is located at the bottom of the first column of locations.






## Record Detective


As you are looking at individual records in MyHeritage Library Edition keep an eye out for the Record Detective. The Record Detective does not always appear but when he does he will be located at the bottom of the page below the record. FYI - sometimes he's a little slow to load.

### Record Detective


**Related Records** are additional records associated with the current historical record, according to the MyHeritage Record Detective technology.  
**Tip:** review each related record to check if it is relevant for your research.

**Related people** are individuals in family trees on MyHeritage associated with the current historical record, according to the MyHeritage Record Detective technology.  
**Tip:** review the related people to check if they can add information to your family tree.

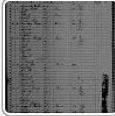


**Record Detective results** ⓘ


#### Related records




David Christy Butler in WikiTree




David Butler in 1850 United States Federal Census



David Christy Butler in Geni World Family Tree




David Christy Butler in FamilySearch Family Tree




David Butler in 1880 United States Federal Census

#### Related people



#+ David Christy Butler  
1829 - 1891  
Head  
Butler/Brown Web Site, managed by Bob Butler



#+ Lydia Butler (born Story)  
1837 - 1918  
Wife  
Butler/Brown Web Site, managed by Bob Butler

Click on any of these items to go to that record.

Related people links will take you to the MyHeritage Family Trees record for that person.